

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims to that as indicated below:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material, comprising:

a spout mounted on a composite packaging or on a container spout sealed with a film material, said spout having an inner side with at least two guide webs around its inner circumference and having varying inclines;

a rotary cap having an inner side with at least two detached cylinder wall segments spaced apart from one another in a circumferential direction; and,

a self-opener having a sleeve-shape with said rotary cap and said self-opener being arranged within said spout and being rotatable via said rotary cap, said self-opener having an outer side with at least two guide ribs on said outer side with each guide rib of said at least two guide ribs of said self-opener having a guide surface, so that when said self-opener rotates within said spout, said guide surface of said self-opener is guided by said at least two guide webs of said spout, thereby rotating said spout in a downwardly-directed movement along a screw-path, said self-opener further comprising at an inner side of an upper edge at least one web extending radially from a sleeve axis and traversing a diameter of said self-opener, said at least one web fitting between spaces of said at least two detached cylinder wall segments and walls of said spout, with said at least two guide ribs of said self-opener being arranged in distribution over a circumference of said

outer side of said self-opener, said at least two guide ribs cooperating with said at least two guide webs at said inner side of said spout in distribution over a circumference of said inner side of said spout, so that when said rotary cap rotates, torque of said rotary cap transmits over lateral limiting edges of said cylinder wall segments to a traversing web and to said self-opener, said at least two guide ribs being formed, so that, when rotated, said self-opener initially follows a steep downwardly-directed screwline movement and subsequently assumes a purely rotational movement in a horizontal plane.

12. (previously presented) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 11, wherein said self-opener comprises, at its lower edge, at least one lancing mandrel having a sharp, downwardly projecting tip and comprising a sharp edge at its flank showing in a counter-clockwise circumferential direction when viewed from above.

Claim 13 (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim ~~[[13]]~~ 11, wherein lower edges of said at least two detached cylinder wall segments each form a curved sloping in an axial direction relative to a cylinder of said three free-standing cylinder wall segments.

Claims 15-18 (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 11, wherein said at least two

guide ribs of said self-opener at an outer wall of said self-opener are each comprised of a horizontal section and an adjoining vertical section, so that a tip of a right angle formed by said horizontal section and said adjoining vertical section is bevelled at an angle of 45° relative to an outer side of legs of said right angle, for forming a guide surface, and with said at least two guide webs of said spout each being comprised of a section extending with a constant inclination at a circumferential wall and an adjoining horizontal section.

20. (previously amended) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 11, wherein said spout has a recess at a lower inner edge for receiving one guide rib of said self-opener of said at least two guide ribs in an end position of its rotational movement.

21. (previously presented) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 11, wherein said at least two guide ribs of said self-opener comprises three continuous guide ribs distributed over a circumference of said self-opener, said three continuous guide ribs interacting with three guide webs of said at least two guide webs of said spout distributed over a circumference of said spout, so that when said rotary cap rotates, torque of said rotary cap transmits over lateral limiting edges of cylinder wall segments to a traversing web and to said self-opener with said three guide webs of said self-opener and said spout being formed, so that when rotated, said self-opener initially follows a steep downwardly-directed screw-line and subsequently assumes a purely rotational movement in a horizontal plane.

22. (previously presented) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 11, wherein said at least two guide ribs of said self-opener comprises four continuous guide ribs distributed over a circumference of said self-opener, said four continuous guide ribs interacting with four guide webs of said at least two guide webs of said spout distributed over a circumference of said spout, so that when said rotary cap rotates, torque of said rotary cap transmits over lateral limiting edges of cylinder wall segments to a traversing web and to said self-opener with said four guide webs of said self-opener and said spout being formed, so that when rotated, said self-opener initially follows a steep downwardly-directed screwline and subsequently assumes a purely rotational movement in a horizontal plane.

23. (previously presented) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 11, wherein said spout is a threaded spout and said rotary cap is a threaded rotary cap with a lower region of said threaded spout having a bead obliquely angled at an upper side thereof and at a lower side forms an angular rim, said threaded rotary cap having at a lower edge a guarantee strip molded thereto by material bridges having predetermined breaking points pushable over said bead.

24. (previously presented) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 11, wherein said spout and said rotary cap form a bayonet coupling with a lower region of said spout having a bead obliquely angled at an upper side thereof and at a lower side forms an angular rim, said

rotary cap having at a lower edge a guarantee strip molded thereto by material bridges having predetermined breaking points pushable over said bead.

25. (new) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material, comprising:

a spout mounted on a composite packaging or on a container spout sealed with a film material, said spout having an inner side with at least two guide webs around its inner circumference and having varying inclines;

a rotary cap having an inner side comprising two detached cylinder wall segments spaced apart from one another in a circumferential direction; and,

a self-opener having a sleeve-shape with said rotary cap and said self-opener being arranged within said spout and being rotatable via said rotary cap, said self-opener having an outer side with at least two guide ribs on said outer side with each guide rib of said at least two guide ribs of said self-opener having a guide surface, so that when said self-opener rotates within said spout, said guide surface of said self-opener is guided by said at least two guide webs of said spout, thereby rotating said spout in a downwardly-directed movement along a screw-path, said self-opener having an inner side comprising at least one traversing web at an upper edge of said self-opener, said at least one traversing web fitting between spaces of said two detached cylinder wall segments at said rotary cap, with a wall of said self-opener being between said two detached cylinder wall segments and walls of said spout, said outer side of said self-opener comprising said at least two guide ribs arranged in distribution over a circumference of said self-opener, said at least two guide ribs interacting with said at least two guide webs arranged on said inner

side of said spout in distribution over a circumference of said inner side of said spout, so that when said rotary cap rotates, torque from said rotary cap transmits over lateral limiting edges of said two detached cylinder walls to said traversing web and to said self-opener with said at least two guide webs and said spout being formed so that, when rotated, said self-opener initially follows a steep downwardly-directed screw-line and subsequently assumes a purely rotational movement in a horizontal plane.

26. (new) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 25, wherein lower edges of said two detached cylinder wall segments each form a curved sloping in an axial direction relative to a cylinder of said three free-standing cylinder wall segments.

27. (new) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 25, wherein said self-opener comprises, at its lower edge, at least one lancing mandrel having a sharp, downwardly projecting tip and comprising a sharp edge at its flank showing in a counter-clockwise circumferential direction when viewed from above.

28. (new) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 25, wherein lower edges of said at least two detached cylinder wall segments each form a curved sloping in an axial direction relative to a cylinder of said three free-standing cylinder wall segments.

29. (new) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 25, wherein said at least two guide ribs of said self-opener at an outer wall of said self-opener are each comprised of a horizontal section and an adjoining vertical section, so that a tip of a right angle formed by said horizontal section and said adjoining vertical section is bevelled at an angle of 45° relative to an outer side of legs of said right angle, for forming a guide surface, and with said at least two guide webs of said spout each being comprised of a section extending with a constant inclination at a circumferential wall and an adjoining horizontal section.

30. (new) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material, comprising:

a spout mounted on a composite packaging or on a container spout sealed with a film material, said spout having an inner side with at least two guide webs around its inner circumference and having varying inclines;

a rotary cap having a cap lid with three free-standing cylinder wall segments at an inner side of said cap lid, said three free-standing cylinder walls being spaced apart from one another in a circumferential direction; and,

a self-opener having a sleeve-shape with said rotary cap and said self-opener being arranged within said spout and being rotatable via said rotary cap, said self-opener having an outer side with at least two guide ribs on said outer side with each guide rib of said at least two guide ribs of said self-opener having a guide surface, so that when said self-opener rotates within said spout, said guide surface of said self-opener is guided by said at least two guide webs of said spout, thereby rotating said spout in a downwardly-

directed movement along a screw-path, said self-opener having at an upper edge of an inner side, a star-shaped web having three webs extending radially from a sleeve axis of said self-opener and fitting between spaces of said three free-standing cylinder walls, with a sleeve wall of said self-opener being arranged between said three free-standing cylinder wall segments and a wall of said spout, said outer side of said self-opener comprising said at least two guide ribs arranged in distribution over a circumference of said self-opener, said at least two guide ribs interacting with said at least two guide webs arranged on said inner side of said spout in distribution over a circumference of said inner side of said spout, so that when said rotary cap rotates, torque from said rotary cap transmits over lateral limiting edges of said three free-standing cylinder wall segments to said traversing web and to said self-opener with said at least two guide webs and said spout being formed so that, when rotated, said self-opener initially follows a steep downwardly-directed screwline and subsequently assumes a purely rotational movement in a horizontal plane.

31. (new) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 30, wherein lower edges of said three free-standing cylinder wall segments each form a curved sloping in an axial direction relative to a cylinder of said three free-standing cylinder wall segments.

32. (new) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 30, wherein lower edges of said two detached cylinder wall segments each form a curved sloping in an axial direction relative to a

cylinder of said three free-standing cylinder wall segments.

33. (new) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 30, wherein said self-opener comprises, at its lower edge, at least one lancing mandrel having a sharp, downwardly projecting tip and comprising a sharp edge at its flank showing in a counter-clockwise circumferential direction when viewed from above.

34. (new) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 30, wherein lower edges of said at least two detached cylinder wall segments each form a curved sloping in an axial direction relative to a cylinder of said three free-standing cylinder wall segments.

35. (new) A self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material according to claim 30, wherein said at least two guide ribs of said self-opener at an outer wall of said self-opener are each comprised of a horizontal section and an adjoining vertical section, so that a tip of a right angle formed by said horizontal section and said adjoining vertical section is bevelled at an angle of 45° relative to an outer side of legs of said right angle, for forming a guide surface, and with said at least two guide webs of said spout each being comprised of a section extending with a constant inclination at a circumferential wall and an adjoining horizontal section.